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GROUNDING AIRESEARCH—The earth's flying as ground is broken for the Garrett Company's new Torrance plant. Welding the shovel is Stan Wojtowicz, AiResearch employee's club vice-president, while looking on (from left) are Harry Wetzel, AiResearch manager; J. H. Paget, Torrance Chamber of Commerce president; Mayor Albert Isen; Cliff Garrett, Corporation president; K. B. Wolfe, executive vice-president.

AiResearch Dedicates New Torrance Plant

AiResearch has come to Torrance. The Garrett Corporation, a prominent pioneer in the aviation industry, broke ground Monday on its new million-dollar plant, which will be located at 190th St. and Crenshaw Blvd. First increment of the facility, which is valued at \$2,650,000, will be built in the center of a 66-acre plot. The project is expected to contain 1 million square feet upon completion. Representing the city of Torrance at the groundbreaking ceremonies were Mayor Albert Isen; George Powell, planning director; Chapman Bone, assistant city manager; J. H. Paget, chamber of commerce president; Dick Fitzgerald, chamber manager; and Councilmen Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Draie and Jahn. **Garrett President Attends** Present from the Garrett company were Cliff Garrett, president; K. B. Wolfe, executive vice president; and vice presidents Eddie Bellande, Bill Pattison, Walt Ramsaur, Harry Wetzel and Eli Barlow. Handling the shovel during the ceremony was Stan "Whitey" Wojtowicz, AiResearch employees' club vice president, while looking on were Ted Burke, director of advertising, and Ken Frogley, manager of public relations. Architects for the project are Allison and Ribbe. This facility will produce air conditioning and complex utility services for other working areas. **Tests Space Products** In order to test AiResearch electronic components for the aerospace industry, part of the building will contain a rigidly controlled and ultra-clean area. Mayor Isen welcomed President Garrett to Torrance, saying that the city will profit by the decision of such a well-known corporation to locate here.

Money, Merchandise Lost in Series of Weekend Burglaries

Torrance police are busily investigating a series of thefts which stripped automobiles and shops in the area of money and belongings. A Fuller Brush kit and some loose change were reported stolen from the car of Imogene Donaldson, 27, of 224 E. 223rd St., on Saturday night. Mrs. Donaldson parked for two hours in a market lot on Post Ave. while doing her weekend shopping. When she returned to the car, she found the window on the driver's side broken and the kit missing, according to police. Carl W. Nelson, 33, of 4921 W. Arvada, lost \$150 worth of clothing from his automobile parked in a bowling alley lot at 220th and Western the same night. Nelson's front window also was broken in. **Loses Wallet in Booth** Earl Bearden, of 5502 Sunnyview, told police that he lost a wallet containing over \$200 in a phone booth at 174th and Western Monday. On Monday evening, burglary of Clancy's Drive-In at 3128 Redondo Beach Blvd. was reported by the California Highway Patrol.

Pardon Us for Crowing!

But we're growing! Our Women's Section is being expanded to include fabulous features... just for YOU. And we're sure Dad and big brother, and even the young set will want to take a look occasionally too. Here are the exciting new exclusive feature columns to come your way starting Thursday, Sept. 10, and every Thursday thereafter in the Torrance Press... and a special one for our Sunday edition: "Tip To Toe"... all the news and pictures from the world of fashion in California, New York and Europe as reported by witty columnist and fashion commentator, Sylvia Miller. Mrs. Miller is known and loved by Torrance and South Bay Area audiences for her fashion advice and her keen appreciation of the right styles at the right prices. "It's A Wise Parent"... In this unusual column, Janice E. Coe, who holds a bachelors and masters degree in Education, will give common sense advice about your child. Her experience comes not just from books, (Continued on page seven)



John G. Lowe has been appointed manager of the new Sears store in the Del Amo Shopping Center, K. R. Barton, district manager for Sears, Roebuck, announced today. Lowe joined the Sears organization at the Long Beach store in 1946 as a management trainee, following his graduation from USC and completion of his military service. After serving in a variety of merchandising assignments at Long Beach, he was promoted to merchandise manager of the store in 1949. He joined the Los Angeles District merchandise staff three years later, and became manager of the Vermont and Slauson store in 1956. Lowe took over the management reins at the Inglewood store early in 1958, and held that position until receiving his current appointment.

Committee Tours Strip The Los Angeles Shoestring Strip councilman advisory committee, together with Councilman John S. Gibson, Jr., last week made its ninth annual inspection of the 15th District and Harbor. Gibson pointed out the year's improvements. Next meeting of the committee will be at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Normandale playground.

State Okays Signals for 'Death' Corner

Gang Tries Auto Blockade

A gang of teenage boys reportedly attempted to break into the car of a Torrance housewife Sunday night after halting the automobile with a roadblock. Mrs. Madge Butts, 3920 Pacific Coast Hwy., told police that she was driving north on Henrietta when she was stopped by a construction barricade. Five boys then appeared around her car and tried to force it open, Mrs. Butts said. When they found the doors and windows locked, the boys left the scene, abandoning their car. Police identified it as a 1949 Mercury stolen from Harold H. Dexheimer, 1932 Gates, Redondo Beach.



STAIRWAY TO STARDOM—Young Torrance beauties, Judy Levinson and Beverly Thomas, both 17, practice their pulchritudinal talents on the beach at Redondo as they prepare to compete in the preliminary rounds of the Miss America contest in Redondo Beach Saturday night. Three other Torrance girls also are entered.

Five Torrance Girls to Compete for Beauty Crown

Five Torrance girls will compete Saturday night in the preliminary contest for the 1960 Miss America Pageant. The winner will be crowned "Miss Redondo Beach" in ceremonies beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Redondo Union High School auditorium. Representing Torrance are Bonnie Jean Braugh, 18, Edda Wiesbauer, 20, Linda Christy, 19, Judy Levinson 17, and Beverly Thomas, 17. They will compete against seven other girls from South Bay area towns in the prelims. The Redondo Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the program, announced that master of ceremonies will be Johnny Jacobs of CBS television. **Winner Competes in Santa Cruz** The panel of judges includes Hal Perry, "Gildersleeve," Shirley White, Miss California of 1956; William Adrian, teen-model authority; Ron Mauri of Hawaii; and Marie Centeno of Vic Tanny gym. Winner of the Redondo Beach contest will attend the Miss California pageant at Santa Cruz for the state eliminations. Tickets are available at the Redondo Chamber of Commerce office.

Riviera Hospital Stages Second Birthday Party

The biggest birthday party ever held in Torrance was staged at Riviera hospital last Sunday. Over three hundred young guests, all born at the hospital, helped celebrate the second anniversary of Riviera's founding. Jack Saylin, administrator, was master of ceremonies. He introduced Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Nick Draie, who launched the gay party in the hospital patio. Nurse Evelyn Canavella, who personally helped bring many of the young guests into the world, and Dr. Gordon Maughan, who represented the obstetrical committee, spoke to celebrants. Happy the Clown entertained young guests and their parents while refreshments were passed around. The hospital is located at 4025 W. 226th St.

Boys Fly to City Hall for Welcome

Flying in by helicopter to visit Torrance Monday were two 15-year-old boys, both polio victims, who were welcomed by Mayor Albert Isen and given keys to the city. The boys, Mike McAbee of El Segundo and Mike Truskol of Venice, were flown by Briles Manufacturing Co. helicopter from El Segundo to Torrance city hall for the ceremony. Mayor Isen also presented gifts to the boys, who were being entertained by the El Segundo Exchange Club. From Torrance, they were taken to Marineland for lunch and a boat ride.

Councilmen Hit Delays; Propose Civic Safety Group

Green light on construction of long-needed stop signals on the corner of Hawthorne Blvd. and Carson St. was given city officials this week by the state department of public works. The district seven office of the department "approved as necessary" installation of the signals. However, a date for putting them up has not been set. City engineer Walter M. Nollac told the Press that "it'll be about three weeks" before plans for the project can be drawn up and costs determined. The intersection is one of the most dangerous in the city, with sixteen accidents recorded there in the past year alone. **Officer Killed at Corner** Last week, after veteran police officer William R. Lewis was killed at the spot, a delegation of Torrance men visited Sacramento to speed up construction. Councilman J. A. Beasley, leader of the delegation, blasted the vast amount of "red tape" and told state officials that the "unnecessary delay" has caused many serious accidents. G. M. Webb, state traffic engineer, told Beasley, Councilman Nicholas O. Draie, and Chamber Manager Dick Fitzgerald that the state has now authorized Torrance to design and engineer the project. Webb said the specific plans must then be approved by both the state department of public works and the state highway commission. Nollac's department will design the project. Construction of the signals has long been delayed. A request for installation was made to the state division of highways last March, but no further action was taken. **Other Delays Reported** Delays in construction of other Torrance signals were also investigated by the city delegation to Sacramento. They were informed that the signal at 174th and Arlington had been approved and would cost an estimated \$67,000. Draie cited the fact that this signal took two years to obtain, typical of red-tape delays. Webb said he could find no request for the signal at Pacific Coast Highway at Newton street, although the Torrance City Council had requested one many months ago. The application of local officials for a signal at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Ocean has been denied. District seven investigators said that the signal was not warranted at the time of a check eleven months ago. Webb said another request could be submitted now, however, if the city council so desired. **Communication Breakdown** Though the denial was made almost a year ago, Torrance officials were unaware of it. Summing up the problem, Chamber Manager Dick Fitzgerald said that there obviously "has been a break-down of communications" between the state division of highways in Sacramento, its Los Angeles office, and the city of Torrance.

Mayor Asks 'Open War on Speeding'

"An open war on all speeders" by the Torrance police department was called for Tuesday by Mayor Albert Isen. Telling councilmen that "we must do something to stop the mounting fatalities," Isen expressed special concern that accidents be halted "with school coming up." The mayor also proposed creation of a civic traffic safety council to study Torrance's traffic problems. Council responded by asking City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier to draw up a resolution creating such a council. The seven-man committee will be composed of local business and professional men who will meet monthly to help solve local traffic emergencies. All councilmen were critical of delays in installation of traffic signals in the area. Councilman Beasley expressed fear that "it'll be six months to a year before we finally get the signals at Hawthorne and Carson."

Banquet Tonight Fetes Supervisor

Burton W. Chace, Los Angeles county supervisor for the fourth district, will be honored tonight at a testimonial banquet at the Polynesian restaurant. Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance will present the supervisor a resolution passed Tuesday by the City Council which "officially commends Burton W. Chace for his leadership," and enumerates Chace's efforts on behalf of the city's beach, courthouse, general hospital, and highways. The banquet begins at 7 p.m. at the Pacific Coast Highway City Council which "officially



CLOWNING AROUND — Happy the Clown brings out a smile as he passes out balloons at the second birthday party of Riviera hospital in Torrance.

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